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SUBJ: BUSINESS VISITORS TO USA, FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR BOGOTA

REF STATE 71774 HAYS/EDDY TELECON 4/16/74

PASS STANLEY HAYS

1. FIRE CHIEF JOSE GALAN TELEPHONED COMATT THIS MORNING APR 18 STATING THAT MAYOR OF BOGOTA HAS NOW INSISTED THAT GALAN REMAIN IN BOGOTA UNTIL FEW WEEKS AFTER COLOMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS APR 21.

2. WITH PROFUSE APOLOGIES GALAN REQUESTED THAT WE POSTPONE HIS AND GALLEGOS VISIT TO WASHINGTON UNTIL PERHAPS WEEK MAY 19. HE WILL ADVISE FIRM DATES LATER.

3. GALAN SAID THAT PURCHASING INTENTIONS OF CITY ARE MORE FIRM THAN EVER AND THAT HE WILL UTILIZE TIME UNTIL TRIP TAKES PLACE TO REFINE EQUIPMENT PRIORITIES. LOCAL REP OF AMERICAN LA FRANCE CONFIRMED TO COMATT TODAY APR 18 THAT PURCHASE SHOULD REACH US\$1.2 MILLION MINIMUM AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED ATTEMPT TO RE-SCHEDULE TRIP.

4. LOCAL REP OF AMERICAN LA FRANCE SAID THE WOULD DO WPAT HE COULD TO GET AIR PASSAGE TICKET INTO HANDS OF GALAN NOW SO THAT GALAN COULD TRAVEL ON SHORT NOTICE IF NECESSARY. HE HOPES WARD LA FRANCE WILL QUICKLY DO SAME WITH RESPECT TO TICKET FOR GALLEGOS.

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